



The Vandenberg Combine Federal Campaign committee has set a goal of \$121,000 for Team Vandenberg's 2001 CFC drive.

So far people have donated more than:

\$85,000

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PROJECT NOBLE SUPPORT

Team Vandenberg has raised more than \$2,500 for Project Noble Support.

Project Noble Support is a series of fundraisers held by different private organizations in the local community. Monies raised will go to the Federal Employees Fund and will be earmarked to help the Pentagon attack victims and their families.

♦The Airman Leadership School Class 02-A is holding a carwash Thursday in the ALS parking lot from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information about how to contribute to Project Noble Support, Team Vandenberg members should contact their first sergeant.

COMMANDER'S CALL SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, has scheduled multiple commander's calls Monday in the Minuteman Theater. All personnel must attend one of the scheduled calls at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. Attendance will be taken.

SERVICES, CHAPEL HELP FAMILY MEMBERS OF DEPLOYED

The 30th Services Squadron and the base chapel have scheduled a Global Hearts group kick-off meeting Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Services Center. Family members can learn about opportunities for yard care, car care, morale calls, monthly social groups and watch a Disney movie. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 606-0039.

CMSAF VISITS BASE FOR EVENT, DINES WITH ENLISTED PEOPLE

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (retired) Bob Gaylor is the guest speaker for the 2001 Top Three Induction Ceremony Wednesday at the Pacific Coast Club. As part of the chief's visit, he'll have breakfast and lunch with Team Vandenberg enlisted members. Breakfast will be at the Breakers at 7 a.m. Wednesday. Lunch will be at the Pacific Coast Club at 11:45 a.m. Attendees should be seated and ready to dine at those times. To reserve a seat at either gathering, call Master Sgt. Chuck Gerard at 605-4112.

MED GROUP OFFERS CPR CLASS

The 30th Medical Group is holding an American Heart Association CPR instructor course Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the 30th Medical Group auditorium. The class is designed to teach CPR to individuals wishing to provide instruction to unit personnel. For information or to sign up, call Senior Airman Michael Napolitano, CPR Program Director, at 606-5521.

TOP LIFE DORM COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING WEDNESDAY

The Vandenberg Top Life Dorm Council has scheduled a meeting Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Vandenberg Center. All dorm residents are encouraged to attend. First sergeants and supervisors are also welcome. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Chaunte' Shepherd at 606-6526.

PACIFIC COAST CLUB HOLDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Pacific Coast Club is conducting a membership drive through mid November. For more information, call 606-3330.

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30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast
Vandenberg will have patchy fog in the morning and sunny afternoons.



Low/High

44/70

Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30ogweather/weather/index.html to get a five-day forecast.

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Eberhart: 'VAFB will play a key role'

BY 2nd LT MICHELLE MAYO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The journey ahead in America's war on terrorism is long, perhaps years long, and Vandenberg has an important part to play, the commander in chief of United States Space Command said Monday.

"As we look at how we can use our technology in combating terrorism, Vandenberg will play a key role," Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Force Space Command commander, said in a brief speech during a Commander's Call in the Pacific Coast Club.

Indeed, Vandenberg has already contributed to the cause during the Titan IV launch on Oct. 5, he added.

More than 700 people crowded into the PCC's ballroom to hear the general speak. Eberhart held the Commander's Call during his two-day visit.

He addressed the gathering of military and civilian personnel in a tone that was

reserved yet determined.

The tragedy of Sept. 11 has "certainly changed how you live, how you work," Eberhart said. "Regrettably, the only advice I can give is we're in this for the long haul."

He said that America has a war to win and reminded the crowd that they have a job to do and sacrifices to make.

"(This war) is not going to be like Desert Storm. It's not going to be like the war in Bosnia, or the war in Serbia," Eberhart said. "We are not going to measure the duration of this conflict in months. We are going to measure the duration of this conflict in years."

"You need to take care of each other like never before. You need to take care of those who have deployed and their families and their friends - because, in many cases, we're not sure when they are going to come home."



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RICHARD FREELAND

Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Force Space Command commander, addresses members of the 30th Security Forces Squadron Monday during his visit to Vandenberg.

Project Noble Support

Base steps up to help Pentagon attack victims

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Ever since the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and the Pentagon, Americans have rushed to aid of those most affected.

Whether it be on-site volunteerism, food, clothing or blood drives, people feel the need to contribute to a greater good - to help our nation heal.

Even as Team Vandenberg members pack their gear to join those already deployed and those left behind knuckle down under the added work load, airmen of all ranks still feel the need to contribute to America's recovery.

"While numerous funds and charitable agencies have raised hundreds of millions of dollars to aid the families of those directly affected by the New York attacks, more needs to be done to aid the families of the Pentagon attack victims," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. Enter Project Noble Support.

"Project Noble Support is a series of fundraisers by different private organizations in the local community," said 30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey. "Monies raised will go to the Federal Employees Fund and earmarked to help the Pentagon attack victims and their families."

The command chief tasked the first sergeants council with coordinating the fundraising drive.

Initially, the first sergeants took the

tasker on and accepted \$1 donations from people in their units, said Master Sgt. Mark Webb, 381st Training Group first sergeant. Team Vandenberg gave more than \$1,500 and the scope of the concept grew from there.

Now, private organizations from throughout the base are lining up to sponsor fundraisers for Project Noble Support.

Webb said Lompoc Quilters' Guild have made more than 50 patriotic quilts that will be raffled off as part of the project.

The 30th Communications Squadron stepped up to the tee box and blasted a hole in one with their Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament Oct. 12. Following the tournament, Lt. Col. Brad Ashley, 30th CS commander, presented the wing commander with a \$1,000 check for Project Noble Support.

The Airman Leadership School Class 02-A will hold a car wash Oct. 27 to benefit the cause, said Master Sgt. Jeff Sherrill, ALS commandant.

The 30th Transportation Squadron will donate 25 percent of proceeds from their haunted trail to the cause said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Dansby, 30th TRNS NCO in charge of customer service.

The campaign will culminate when the 30th Space Wing Command Chief presents a check to the wing commander after the Project Noble Support Chiefs versus Eagles softball game Nov. 15.

America -- No one comes close



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. PAM TAUBMAN

More than 60 military supporters gathered at Vandenberg's Santa Maria gate area Saturday to show their support for Team Vandenberg and their love for America. The supporters, ranging from Vietnam veterans, Harley Owners Group and military family members, were dressed in red, white and blue and waving U.S. flags. About 50 protestors also assembled to take part in the International Day of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space. Many Team Vandenberg and local law enforcement officials were present to ensure both groups were provided an opportunity to express their First Amendment rights.

I pledge allegiance

to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ At 11 a.m. Oct. 12, more than 1,900 of Team Vandenberg's schoolchildren spoke with one unifying voice when they joined nearly 52 million of their peers in a Pledge Across America.

Answering a call by Rod Paige, U.S. Secretary of Education, more than 100,000 private, elementary and secondary school principals organized the synchronized Pledge of Allegiance.

"Today, I ask students, teachers, parents and other proud Americans across the country to join me in showing our patriotism by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at a single time and with a unified voice..." Paige said. "Together, we can send a loud and powerful message that will be heard around the world: America is one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, Vandenberg Middle School's principal, Tammy Quist, has kept an open ear and a watchful eye on her 1,120 students.

"The majority are stepping up and handling it fine," she said. "But, some of their parents have deployed, so it's personal."

While her students aren't immune to the need to place blame, she said, "Mostly I've seen (a lot) of patriotism."

The surge of patriotism at Vandenberg's schools has gone beyond reciting the

pledge - they raised \$1,600 for the Red Cross.

The students, like their parents, feel a need to "do something" - to be a part of the movement to heal, Quist said.

They feel a responsibility to show their patriotism.

During his Oct. 11 prime time news conference, President George W. Bush issued a call to American children.

"I ask you to join in a special effort to help the children of Afghanistan," the president said. "Their country has been through a great deal of war and suffering."

Bush said that one in three Afghan children is an orphan and almost one half suffer chronic malnutrition.

"We are asking every child in America to earn or give a dollar that will be used to provide food and medical help for the children of Afghanistan," the president said. This

is an opportunity to help others, while teaching our own children a valuable lesson about service and character."

The humanitarian campaign is one way all Americans can join the fight against terrorism, he said.

"Ultimately, one of the best weapons, one of the truest weapons that we have against terrorism is to show the world the true strength of character and kindness of the American people," Bush said.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. PAMELA TAUBMAN

David Hernandez, a student at Vandenberg Middle School, recites the pledge of allegiance during the Pledge across America Monday.

QuickBird



FILE PHOTO

A Delta II launches from Vandenberg Nov. 21, 2000. Thursday, Team V successfully launched a Boeing Delta II rocket carrying QuickBird, a high-resolution commercial imaging satellite, from Space Launch Complex-2 here. It was the first Delta II launched from Vandenberg this year.

Show pride during retreat

By MASTER SGT. MARK HOWARD
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Vandenberg

With the events of Sept. 11 and the resurgence of patriotism on display across the country, if you haven't been re-blued as an Air Force member, you need to have your pulse checked.

Americans are flying flags from their cars, painting flags on their houses and doing various other things to show that, as a country, we are united. But something's missing.

As I was riding my bike home Sept. 20, people passed by me in their cars – nothing out of the ordinary. Then I waited, with everyone else, for the light to change at the corner of California Blvd. and Utah Ave. I was quite sure that most of these drivers were feeling the country's surge of patriotism, because most of their vehicles had flags waving from their antennas.

Retreat was sounded and the national anthem played. I stood there at attention rendering respect to our flag. Everyone else drove on after the light turned green. I guess they were in a rush.

It saddened me to see all those motorists drive by, failing to render due respect to our flag and what it stands for.

Since then, I've thought about this a lot. Several questions came to my mind: Didn't they notice me standing there at attention?

Did they know retreat had sounded?

Could they hear the national anthem being played — or did they just not care?

I tend to believe there are many factors that lend to this seeming lack of respect.

First, I think there is a lack of education.

Retreat sounds Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. This is not the time to stand inside the entrance of the building, waiting for retreat to finish or run to your car because it will sound in 30 seconds. Remember, many are educated by watching others. Who is watching you?

Second, I know many people can't hear the sounding of retreat.

In my 15 and a half years of service, this is the only place I've been where you practically have to stand by the base of the flagpole to hear the national anthem being played. I know that's a stretch, but not by much.

If you can't hear retreat being played, join those who can. Many times in my mad rush to get nowhere, I have been in places around the installation where I couldn't hear the sounding of retreat, but as I proceeded on my way I saw someone who could. I took my cue from them. I challenge you to do likewise.

We hold a special trust in our nation. Part of that trust involves paying respect when respect is due.

So it's five o'clock, did you leave your patriotism in your office?



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Three airmen from the 381st Training Group perform retreat

during the POW/MIA ceremony held Sept. 21 at the 381st flagpole.



Col. Robert M. Worley II
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Commander's Action line



Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

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Pentagon memorial service honors fallen

By SGT. 1ST CLASS KATHLEEN RHEM
American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON — Men and women, officers and enlisted, military and civilian alike shuddered and wiped away tears as the names of those killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon Sept. 11 scrolled along giant screens to the haunting strains of "Amazing Grace" during the Oct. 11 memorial service at the military's scarred headquarters.

The 25,000 mourners at the Pentagon memorial service came from all walks of life, but with a single and singular purpose: to honor their fallen comrade.

"It presents kind of a unified front for the military to show support for our fallen comrades, both military and civilian," Army Lt. Col. Charles Reed said. "It's important because we believe that we're a family as opposed to an organization."

Army Maj. Dennis Fiemeyer, Reed's coworker in DoD's International Security Affairs office, agreed. "I think it's important to share this with those people who have worked here, that we're one big family," he said.

Both men were in the building Sept. 11.

"This is just what we've got to do," Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mike Parris, who works for the Joint Staff, said.

Air Force Maj. Jack Clarke, also of the Joint Staff, noted that military members know they could ultimately die for their country, but the civilians who were killed were caught totally unaware.

"For the civilians, this was a sacrifice they weren't even aware could be part of their lives in the Pentagon," he said. Clarke also noted Sept. 11 has changed the way his family views his duty in the Pentagon, normally considered safe duty for military members who are used to serving in sometimes precarious situations in far-flung corners of the world.

"My children and my wife are concerned," he said. "This really brought home what being in the military can mean and the sacrifices that you could be asked to make as a member of the service."

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Larry Brinson said he knew some of the soldiers killed

Sept. 11. He said it was appropriate that the service was held at the Pentagon, the attack site. "There's a healing process that needs to happen," said Brinson, who works in the Marines' Department of Aviation. "This is just one step further in that process. More importantly, it shows those who did this that we're not going to back down."

Army National Guard Chaplain (Maj.) Clark Carr had one word to describe why so many people turned out for a memorial service for people they didn't even know. "Solidarity," he said.

Carr described how the military had posted chaplains throughout the crowd to comfort and provide for the spiritual needs of the grieving. A pastor in a Maryland suburb, Carr said roughly 50 chaplains were on hand to comfort family members of those killed and about another 30 to move through the crowd.

Sadly, he noted, "being there" is all the chaplains can do in the face of so much loss.

"Our mission is to provide presence," he said.



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Team Vandenberg Spotlight



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Name: Senior Airman Suwada Humphrey
Assignment: 30th Transportation Squadron passenger travel supervisor
Time in Air Force: Eight years, four months
Hometown: Seaside, Calif.
Time on Vandenberg: Three months
What he likes about his job: “I enjoy the interaction with various base agencies. It really makes my job an important one for the wing.”
Supervisor’s comments: “Working long into the night and on weekends, he coordinates commercial and AMC airlift to ensure mission critical passengers arrive at the appointed place on or before their dates required in-place,” said Mel Vudragovich, Traffic Management Office flight chief. “Numerous kudos have been received attesting to his professionalism, knowledge and self-sacrifice. Humphrey epitomizes the true Team Vandenberg spirit.”

Team Vandenberg: fit or fat?

By 2nd LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Of the 87 percent of Team Vandenberg members who have taken the Air Force Cycle Ergonometry test this year, nearly a quarter of them are overweight, according to Health and Awareness Center officials.

During the 12-month testing cycle beginning last October, 698 of 2,676 people tested had a Body Mass Index of 28 or higher.

What this means is that 25 percent of those tested are overweight by 30 pounds or more, explained Tyson Grier, exercise physiologist for the 30th Medical Group.

BMI is a formula commonly used to determine whether a person’s weight is appropriate for their height.

“It is a relatively good indicator of total body composition in population-based studies and is related to certain health risks,” said Grier. There is a correlation between a high BMI due to fat and certain health risks, such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

A slightly high BMI is not a foolproof indicator of whether a person is overweight, cautioned Grier, because BMI does not differentiate between fat and non-fat weight.

“So a person could have a BMI of 27 and not be overweight if they have bigger bones or more muscle mass,” he said. This is especially true of people who are muscular.

However, it is unlikely that a person’s BMI would exceed 28 because of muscle mass or big bones, Grier added.

He also pointed out that these numbers don’t

mean that 25 percent of the base population as a whole is overweight. The current numbers don’t account for the 402 people who haven’t been tested.

If none of those people are overweight, “of course, the percentage would go down,” he said.

There are several options open to Team V members who want to stay, or get, fit.

“Most squadrons offer what’s called ‘fit time,’” Grier said. Fit time allows people to take an hour out of their work-day to work out.

Another option is to attend the “Sensible Weight” classes offered by HAWC. Classes, which start every two weeks, consist of four sessions.

Two sessions focus on nutrition and include a visit to the commissary.

The 45-minute commissary tour focuses on healthy food choices and strategies for good shopping, said Beverly Calderon, the HAWC’s registered dietician.

Attendees learn how to read food labels and how to substitute low-fat, healthy food for high-fat, high-calorie foods. An example would be substituting plain yogurt for sour cream.

Another way for squadrons to become involved is to hold contests.

“Hold competitions to see who can do the most sit-ups, who can do the most push-ups, or who can lose the most weight,” Grier said.

One such contest, sponsored by HAWC is the “New You by the New Year” contest. The 16-week program is designed to increase participants’ fitness levels.

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THRIFT SAVING PLAN ENROLLMENT SEASON OPENS

Effective Oct. 9, active duty members were eligible to sign up for the thrift savings plan, a retirement and investment savings plan, previously available only to federal civilian employees. For information visit the TSP website at www.tsp.gov. Once people have downloaded and filled out the forms they can drop them off at finance in building 11777 room A-115.

381ST TRG TO HOLD AIR FORCE DOCTRINE BRIEFING

The 381st Training Group will be holding a briefing on Air Force Doctrine given by the Air Force Doctrine Center Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the 381st Training Group Auditorium. The briefing is open to all VAFB personnel on a space available basis. For more information, call Capt. Jeremy Brown at 606-5874.

BREAKERS STAFF INVITES FAMILIES TO DINNER

To help ease the stress of being separated from spouses, moms and dads, the 30th Services Squadron Staff will start a weekly dinner Thursday at the Breakers dining facility from 6 to 7 p.m. The dinner hour is open to all family members of personnel deployed overseas in support of an operation. TDYs within the U. S. don’t qualify. To participate, family members must bring a copy of their spouses’ orders to the Services Squadron front office (Bldg. 11013 at 1036 California Blvd just across from Bldg. 11777). For more information, call 606-5031.

HOUSING ASKS RESIDENTS TO CONSERVE ENERGY

The Vandenberg housing office and energy manager asks East Housing residents to do their part to conserve energy during the ongoing California Energy Crises by installing Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs. Beginning Monday, East Housing residents can pick-up 20 free light bulbs at the Housing Self-Help Store, located off of Utah Ave (near DRMO and the weight scale station). For information about energy conservation, call the Vandenberg energy manager, Ken Padilla, at 606-8538.

2001 VEHICLE REGISTRATION DECALS EXPIRE SOON

The 30th Security Forces Squadron pass and registration office reminds base drivers to ensure their vehicle registrations are updated before the end of the new year. The “01” Air Force Form 2219 expires Dec. 31. Everyone assigned to Vandenberg is required to register their privately-owned vehicles on base. Registration must be done within three work days after the vehicle initially enters the base. This is required regardless of the expiration date on the Air Force Form 2219, Year Expiration Tab, issued at the member’s last assignment. For more information, call pass and registration at 606-1853.

DORM MANAGER POSITION OPENS FOR STAFF SERGEANT

The 30th Support Group has an immediate opening for a dorm manager. This position is a two-year controlled special duty with the award of the 9D000 Special Duty Identifier. The position is open only to staff sergeants. Applicants must send a letter of recommendation signed by their commander and copies of their last three EPRs. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Brian Joseph at 606-2990.

SECDEF EXTENDS PERMISSIVE TDY FOR MEMBERS

The office of the secretary of defense policy permitting permissive temporary duty assignments to ease the transitions to civilian life for military members separating or retiring is extended indefinitely. This change will be reflected in the next revision of Department of Defense Directive 1327.5 *Leave and Liberty*. For more information, call 606-4948.

OCTOBER IS BREAST AWARENESS MONTH

The Breast Education Center has scheduled a Diagnosis Breast Cancer: Where to Go, What to Do Class Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer diagnosis in women and the leading cause of cancer related deaths in women age 35 to 54. Early detection is the best prevention. For information, call Sandra Conley, at 605-2120.

Good eatin’



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Sully Park and her son Harley, 20 months, enjoy an evening out at the Breakers dining facility Oct. 11. The 30th Services Squadron is sponsoring family night every Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. for family members of deployed personnel. For information about family night, call 606-5031.

Personnel officials offer guidance to civilians nearing retirement

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — In five years, more than 60,000 members of the Air Force’s civilian staff will be eligible for retirement or an “early out.”

Air Force Personnel Center officials here said they encourage civilians who want to retire in the near future to plan ahead, seek counseling early and take advantage of the wealth of information on the benefits and entitlements service team Web site.

“Often, the hardest decision about retirement is choosing the date,” said Barbara Ellis, retirement unit supervisor. “The first step is to determine when you’re eligible.”

General retirement eligibility is based on age and length-of-service requirements of the employee’s retirement program. Since the system assumes all of an employee’s service time is creditable for retirement, employees who previously took a refund of their retirement contributions, or owe a deposit for temporary service or military service, need to consult with a benefits counselor.

“Once you’ve determined your eligibility date

and select a tentative retirement date, you can begin to prepare for your retirement,” Ellis said.

After an employee decides to retire, he or she can obtain an estimate of how much his or her monthly retirement pay will be by accessing the retiring employees information Web site or by calling (800) 997-2378 to speak with a benefits counselor and obtain retirement counseling, Ellis said.

Employees should submit their retirement package to AFPC at least 90 to 120 days before their retirement date, officials said.

There are many factors to consider in planning retirement, such as whether to carry survivor benefits and life and health insurance into retirement; how to handle sick-leave credit and lump sum annual leave; and Thrift Savings Plan withdrawal options, direct deposit options, and income tax liability payment, Ellis said.

Civilian employees at Vandenberg can call the 30th Mission Support Squadron’s civilian personnel flight at 606-3641 for more information.

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History made as NATO aids in U.S. defense

By Capt. Steven Rolenc
552nd Air Control Wing Public Affairs
■ **TINKER AFB, Okla.** — Never in the 52-year history of NATO has the alliance been used to defend the United States, but that has changed recently.

NATO began deploying five of its E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control systems aircraft and a detachment of more than 180 people here from Geilenkirchen, Germany, on Oct. 9.

They will help the 552nd Air Control Wing with Operation Noble Eagle, the defense of the United States.

The NATO detachment began flying operational missions Oct. 15 after going through ground training and familiarization flights.

Since the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, the 552nd ACW has been continuously patrolling the skies of America with its E-3s, providing radar coverage in support of the North American Aerospace Defense Command's air-sovereignty mission.

U.S. officials asked the alliance to deploy the aircraft to improve NORAD's ability to provide combat-air-patrol missions while lowering the operational tempo for the U.S. E-3 fleet.

"Right now, (the 552nd is) engaged in four theaters of operation," said Brig. Gen. Ben

Robinson, 552nd ACW commander. The wing, which has 28 AWACS, has aircraft and people deployed in support of operations Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch and Northern Watch besides its homeland-defense missions. The wing also operates the training for the entire Air Force AWACS fleet.

"NATO has been seamlessly integrated into the mission with the 552nd," said Canadian Forces Col. Jim McNaughton, NATO detachment commander.

Working together is nothing new for the 552nd and NATO AWACS. The units train together regularly in various exercises worldwide. The most recent operational successes of this partnership were seen in Operation Allied Force, the 1999 air campaign in Yugoslavia.

"It's no longer 'we,' 'they' or 'a NATO force,'" McNaughton said. "We are one group here."

"We are probably the closest two military units in the world," Robinson said.

People from 13 nations make up the NATO detachment: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Gift of life



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Debi Fabing, 30th Medical Group dental technician, watches David McConnell, Tri-Counties Blood Bank, insert a needle into her arm to draw blood during the

Tri-Counties Blood drive in the 30th Medical Group's auditorium Monday. Team Vandenberg donated 41 pints of blood.

AFMC fights terrorism with rapid response

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

■ **WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — Bringing tomorrow's technologies to today's warfighter is how Air Force Materiel Command officials are helping fight America's war on terrorism.

AFMC people recently began cataloging what weapons and other technologies exist at the command's various labs and centers, what stages they are in and how soon they could be given to the warfighter. This information will be available so battle staffs across the Air Force can see what can be accelerated through the acquisition process and made available in the near-term to help in homeland defense and fight America's war on terrorism.

The administration is setting new priorities and a new strategy for the nation's defense, said Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander, in a letter to all AFMC employees.

The recent terrorist attacks on America dramatically and tragically emphasized the need for these changes, he said.

"We in AFMC need to help shape and lead that change by acquiring and sustaining the new capabilities the Air Force will need in the future to maintain its dominant combat edge," Lyles said. "If we're to continue providing world-class materiel support to our customers, we must clearly understand their changing requirements and periodically review how we do business."

AFMC leaders have been looking at various projects, like improving developmental planning and item turn around times along with shortening the acquisition process to make that process more agile and faster.

For more on this and other stories, log onto www.af.mil

Relief possible for some debt incurred prior to active duty service

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** — Reservists called to active duty may qualify for reduced interest rates under a law passed 61 years ago. The Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act provides a variety of civil law relief to all servicemembers.

Congress passed the relief act to provide protection for people entering or called to active-duty military service. The act serves to postpone or suspend certain civil obligations so servicemembers can devote full attention to their military duty.

An earlier Department of Defense news briefing and related stories made servicemembers aware that they may be eligible for some of the act's protections, said Maj. Melinda Davis-Perritano, deputy chief of the legal assistance division, Air Force Legal Services Agency.

"Our legal offices have been inundated with requests for additional information," she said.

Relief under the act is not automatic. "Most provisions are triggered only after the servicemember takes some action, such as notifying his or her financial lender," Davis-Perritano said. "Members, both active and Reserve, should do a little research to find out whether they are covered by a specific protection and what they need to do to ensure the protection takes effect."

To qualify for a reduced interest rate of 6 percent on such loans as home mortgages, credit card accounts, bank or credit union personal loans, department store accounts and business loans, certain requirements must be met, Davis-Perritano said.

For more information on specific qualification requirements, call the base finance office at 606-4606 or log onto www.af.mil

'Use or Lose' extends leave through fiscal 2004

■ **WASHINGTON** — Special leave accrual authority, previously granted because of operations resulting from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, has been extended through the end of fiscal 2004.

With this extension, people from the U.S. armed forces who accumulate 60 to 90 days of leave, as a result of being recalled from or not allowed to take annual leave, will be able to retain those extra days until Sept. 30, 2004, said Charles Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy.

Under normal circumstances, military people are only allowed to maintain 60 days of leave, as of the beginning of each fiscal year.

Any scheduled leave that was lost between Sept. 11 and Sept. 30 will be restored, said Maj. Karen Corrente, chief of Air Force travel, transportation and benefits policy at the Pentagon.

"However, this restored leave must now be used by the end of September 2004," she said.

Military people should contact their local military personnel flight for more information about the annual leave policy.

(Courtesy of ACC News Service)

ACC looking for former military aviators

■ **LANGLEY FB, Va.** — Air Combat Command officials here announced plans to temporarily fill up to 50 rated headquarters-staff positions with civilians for a four-year period.

The initiative is aimed at returning active-duty pilots to flying positions in the Air Force's flying- and technical-training programs. The 50 headquarters positions, to be filled by GS-13 rated program analysts, involve responsibilities that require skills as a military pilot or navigator.

The duties will involve areas such as special operations, contingency planning, long-range

strategy for new aircraft bed down, training, and tactical and strategic airlift. Program analysts will also participate in strategic planning and execution to improve organizational direction using strategic planning tools and techniques.

The Fiscal 2000 National Defense Authorization Act added a program incentive. The bill repealed the dual-compensation restrictions, allowing retired regular officers to receive their full military retirement and federal government salaries. Also, because of recent events, armed forces retirees can take positions in the civil service within the Department of Defense during the 180 days after retirement without the need to obtain the waiver previously required by law.

The vacancy announcement will remain open indefinitely. The announcement and instructions can be viewed on the Office of Personnel Management USA Jobs Web site at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/wfjic/jobs/Vn0377.HTM>. For more information, call Susie Cash at DSN 574-6581 or commercial (757) 764-6581.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print New)

Stop-Loss keeps reservists from changing status

■ **ROBINS AFB, Ga.** — Air Force Reserve Command implemented a freeze Oct. 2 to keep people in the Ready Reserve for a minimum of 30 days.

At the end of the "freeze" period, AFRC officials will re-evaluate the Stop-Loss and may extend it. The AFRC Stop-Loss temporarily blocks changes in status that would allow reservists to leave units or programs at risk for call-up.

The Stop-Loss affects the following:
— Expiration term of service;
— Reassignment to a lower category of availability;
— Assignment to the Retired Reserve, awaiting pay at age 60;
— All voluntary separations before expiration term of service; and
— Officer resignations.

Stop-Loss may also affect the civilian portion of an air reserve technician's position. Employees whose only civilian retirement eligibility is the result of an involuntary separation from the Reserve will not be eligible to retire. If eligible, ARTs may retire under a civilian optional retirement but usually must stay in the Reserve military portion (Part B) of their ART position.

(Courtesy of AFRC News Service)



Team Vandenberg -- Winner of the 2001 Moorman and Schriever Trophies

Operation Enduring Freedom



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JOCELYN BROUSSARD

Aerial port people at Ramstein Air Base, Germany use a K-loader to load containers with humanitarian daily rations onboard a C-17 Globemaster III on Oct. 11. The humanitarian supplies are airdropped over Afghanistan as part

of Operation Enduring Freedom. Four C-17s aircrews deliver 70,000 rations everyday. Each daily ration includes a carefully-designed, vegetarian meal that takes ethnic and religious concerns into consideration.

Community Calendar

EVENTS

19 FRI The Circle Bar B Dinner Theater in Santa Barbara presents the Neil Simon play **“Rumors”** now through Nov. 11. Show times on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (805) 965-9652 for information.

The **Lompoc Olde Town Market** is honoring celebrities Friday during the 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. festivities. Organizers are looking for anyone with an air speed record, an astronaut or something similar. Interested parties please contact the public affairs office at 606-3595.

The 30th Transportation Squadron presents their **5th annual Haunted Trail** tonight, Saturday, Oct. 26, 27 and Halloween night from 7 to 11 p.m. on Washington Road. Cost is \$3, twenty-five percent of the proceeds will got to Project Noble Support to help disaster relief efforts in New York. For more information, call 606-6774.

Tour the **Area 51 Haunted Laboratory** and chance an alien encounter tonight, Saturday, Oct. 26, 27, 30 and Halloween night. Tours begin at 7 p.m. Call the 30th Civil Engineer Activities Council at 606-4021 for more information.

The **Harvest Wine Tour** begins Friday and runs through Sunday. Times and events vary throughout the weekend. Call (805) 239-8463 for more detailed information.

20 SAT **Chili Cook-Off 2001**, sponsored by the Air Force Association, will be held Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the Vandenberg BX Plaza. For more information, call Lt. Chad Malone at 606-1957.

A **Day in the Country** is an old-fashioned celebration in the community of Los Olivos Saturday. For more information, call (805) 688-1222.

The annual **Pismo Beach Clam Festival** will be held Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pismo Beach Pier. For more information, call (805) 773-4382.

21 SUN The annual **Bike Tour and Fest** benefit for the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be held Sunday in Santa Barbara. The event will feature entertainment, a bike expo, beach bash and a ride along Santa Barbara’s scenic coast and hills. Call (805) 682-8783 for more information.

The **Goleta Lemon Festival** will celebrate the community’s lemon industry heritage Sunday and Monday in the Stow House on 304 N. Los Carneros Road. The event will feature live entertainment, food and exhibits. For more information, call (805) 967-4618.

The American Kitefliers Association will put on the first annual kite fly in Pismo Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call James Warner at (805) 773-8697.

22 MON The Pops Orchestra presents **“Salute to America”** Monday at 7:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Lompoc. General Admission is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information or a season brochure, call 736-6792. Season tickets are also available at a discounted price.

24 WED The Vandenberg Top Three Association will hold the **2001 Senior NCO Induction Ceremony** at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Pacific Coast Club. The event will feature Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (retired) Bob Gaylor as guest speaker. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal. Cost is \$17 for club members and \$20 for non-members. Call Master Sgt. Mike Fox at 605-6468 for tickets.

26 FRI The **Jerusalem Trio**, winners of the 1999 Osaka Chamber Music competition, will perform in Campell Hall at the University of California Santa Barbara campus at 8 p.m. Oct. 26. For more information or ticket sales, call (805) 893-3535.

28 in Santa Barbara. Call the German American Club at (805) 897-3108 for more information.

NOV 3 SAT People can enjoy the challenge of a 25-, 50- or 100-mile bike ride during the **Prelude Bike Ride** in Solvang Nov. 3. For more information, call (562) 690-9693.

4 SUN The Santa Barbara News-Press is sponsoring a **half-marathon and 5k run** scheduled for 8 a.m. Nov. 4 at Leadbetter Beach. The event will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County and the Santa Barbara Athletic Association. For more information, call (805) 892-2250.

The **Santa Barbara Symphony** will perform works by Ravel, Paul Hindemith

noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 9 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 3721 Murdoc Road in Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 967-0016.

17 SAT The State Street Ballet will perform the classic **“Giselle”** with an international cast of dancers Nov. 17 to 19. Performance times vary. Call the Lobero Theatre at (805) 963-0761 for more information.

24 SAT The Los Olivos gallery is hosting a **Holiday Art Show** Nov. 24 and 25. For more information, call (805) 688-1222.

26 MON Organist David Gell, will perform in the **16th annual Advent Organ**

Kids Helping Kids. For more information, call the zoo at (805) 962-5339.

CLASSES

26 FRI The Family Support Center will offer an **Individual Retirement Accounts Workshop** on Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. Contact Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration or information.

29 MON The Family Support Center will provide a **financial basics workshop** on Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. Learn financial management basics, such as checkbook maintenance, credit spending and making your paydays count. Contact Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for more information.

The fitness center has a **new women’s varsity basketball coach**. Practice is held Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the fitness center. Call Rod Paronto at 606-3238 for more information.

30 TUE Learn the basics of the VA Home Loan Process at a **VA Home Loan benefit** on Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. For more information, call Sunny Park at 605-0134.

NOV 1 THU The **aerospace education foundation** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to spouses of Air Force active-duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve members. The scholarship can be used for any reasonable cost related to pursuing a degree. The deadline for applications is Nov. 1. Call the base education office at 605-5904 for eligibility requirements.

MEETINGS

24 WED The **National Society of Military Widows**, Central Coast Chapter 44, meets at 2 p.m. in the Retiree Activities Center the second Wednesday of each month. The center is located between the bowling center and Four Season’s. Guest speakers will address items of interest to widows and retirees. For information, call 606-5474.

25 THU **Military retirees** meet at 1 p.m. in the retiree activities center on the third Thursday of the month. Upcoming events include **Retiree Appreciation Day** beginning at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 16 in the Pacific Coast Club.

The **Titan Toastmasters** meet from 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday in the services center. For information, call Loretta Williams at 605-3001 or Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, Ext. 3627.

Pearl Harbor veterans interested in participating in a special recognition and honors event held on the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor should contact the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce at 736-4567.

NOV 2 FRI The third annual Kids for Character golf tournament will be held on Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Lompoc Family YMCA Youth Programs. For more information or to sign up, contact Dan Powell at 736-3483 or Tech. Sgt. Stanley Schiffelbein at 606-7086.

Everybody loves a parade



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Base children look on as a parade of fire trucks makes its way through East Housing. The parade was part of last week’s Fire Prevention Week.

The Vandenberg Fire Department sponsors the event annually in an effort to teach children about fire safety.

Participants at a children’s **October Craft Workshop** held Oct. 26 will be able to decorate several Halloween-themed items. For more information, call the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department at 736-6565.

28 SUN **Eberle Haunted Caves**, located on the grounds of the Eberle Winery in Paso Robles, will be open for spelunking Oct. 27 and 28. For more information, call (805) 239-8463.

The 29th anniversary **German-American Club Dance** will be held Oct.

and Beethoven Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. at Arlington Theatre. For information, call (805) 963-4408.

5 MON The **All Saints’ Festival Concert and Evensong**, featuring the Santa Barbara Boys Choir, will be held Nov. 5 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 1500 State Street. For more information, call (805) 965-7419.

6 TUE Las Floralias Flower Arranging Club will host the **Holiday Flower Arranging Show** from

Series at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 965-7419.

29 THU The Harbor Restaurant and Longboards in Santa Barbara will host a **buffet and silent auction** benefit for Unity Shoppe Nov. 29. The event includes wine tasting. For more information, call (805) 963-5339.

30 FRI Free admission at the Santa Barbara Zoo for those who donate a can of food or a new toy during

AT THE MOVIES

Today ROCK STAR
A salesman moonlights as a musician in a tribute band. His life changes forever when he replaces the lead singer of his all-time favorite band, Steel Dragon. Rated R.

Saturday THE MUSKETEER
D’Artagnan and his fellow Musketeers are poised for battle. These legendary men of action are sworn to fight duels and right wrong. Rated PG-13.

Sunday THE MUSKETEER
D’Artagnan and his fellow Musketeers are poised for battle.

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

S 30th Services

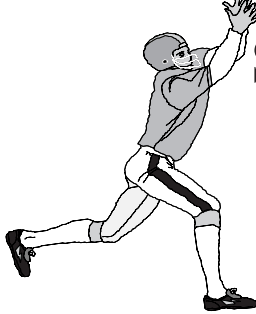


NEWS



at the Pacific Coast Club

WIN PRIZES! FOOTBALL TOSSI! FOOD! FUN!



GAME SCHEDULE

Nov. 26

Tampa Bay
vs. St. Louis

Dec. 3

Green Bay
vs. Jacksonville

Dec. 10

Indianapolis
vs. Miami

Dec. 17

St. Louis
vs. New Orleans

Dec. 22

Tennessee
vs. Oakland

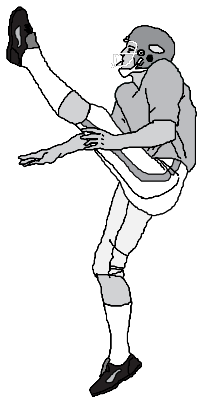
Dec. 29

Baltimore
vs. Tampa Bay

Monday
Philadelphia
vs. NY Giants

Oct. 29
Tennessee
vs. Pittsburgh

Nov. 5
Denver
vs. Oakland
Nov. 19
NY Giants
vs. Minnesota



Call the Pacific Coast Club at 606-3330 for more information.



OCTOBER 27

2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Center

This event is for children under 10 years.

- Mini Carnival
- Arts and Crafts
- Pumpkin Contest
- Best Costume Contest

Tickets are available through Oct. 24

\$1 for members • \$2 for nonmembers



Evening dance at the Youth Center

6 to 9 p.m. (for youths 10 and older)

\$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers

Call the Youth Center at 606-2152 for more information.

Extended Child Care PROGRAM

Extended Child Care Program is a new, exciting program designed to provide care for AF parents and to increase the base's awareness and understanding of the role and importance of ECC.

Eligible Users:

1. Parents must be enrolled in program, Child Development Center, Youth Center or presently in a Family Child Care home.
2. First priority must be active duty and DoD civilians.
3. FCC Coordinator will schedule all extended care.

Extended care fees have been suspended effective Sept. 20 to Oct. 20.

For more information, please call Gwen Jones at the FCC Office at 606-3255 or 606-4639.

V.I.T.T.

- Price Is Right •
- TV Taping - Oct. 24
- \$40 per person

Transportation and guaranteed seating. For information, call Tickets & Travel at 606-

GOLF

FRIDAY - First Sergeant's Shotgun Start Tournament - 12:30 p.m. Open play shotgun, 7:30 a.m. SATURDAY & SUNDAY - Fall Open Tournament

LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - Ages 2 to 5, Thursday, theme is Pinata Party. Please sign up prior to Thursday storytime by stopping at the Library or call 606-6414

Teen Read Week - Party will be held Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

FITNESS

FRIDAY - BMX/MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE 12 p.m. at the ORV course. For more information, call Brian at 606-3834. FRIDAY - Soccer All-Stars 5 p.m. at the base soccer field.

ROD & GUN CLUB

3-D ARCHERY

Saturday - Registration opens 7 a.m., shoot starts 9 a.m. Shoot fees: individuals, \$10; couples, \$15; family, \$20 (show current Rod & Gun Club card, get \$5 discount); youth, \$5. Call 606-4560 for more information.



SERVICES CENTER

CONTESTANTS WANTED for the VANDENBERG FAMILY & TEEN TALENT CONTEST!

Do you have a talent? Do You Dance? Sing? Play a Musical Instrument? If you have a talent and would like to enter the Talent Contest, come to the planning meeting at the Services Center, Tuesday at 6 p.m. We also need help with backstage, lighting, sound, props, etc., call the Services Center at 605-8974 if you would like to volunteer.

YOUTH SPORTS

VAFB YOUTH BASKETBALL LATE REGISTRATION - Limited slots available!

Co-ed grades K-2nd, Boy's leagues grades 3rd-8th and Girl's leagues grades 3rd-8th Registration will be taken Monday through Oct. 31 (or until teams are full) Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Call 606-2152 for more information.

BOWLING

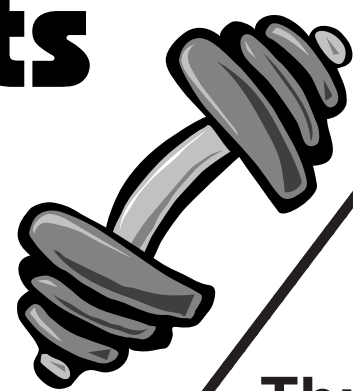
SATURDAY - 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament - check in at 5:30 p.m., bowl at 6 p.m. \$10 per person. The Bowling Center is open on Sundays from 12 noon 'til 7 p.m. Cost to bowl is just \$1.50 per game. Come join in the fun and get in a little practice.

Women On Weights



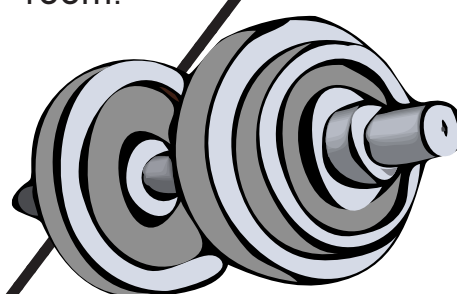
Tuesday
9 to 10 a.m.
Fitness Center

This is a basic level program to help beginners learn form and exercises in the weight room.



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Fitness Center

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For more information, call the Fitness Center at 606-3834.

RUGBY Club

Tuesday
4 to 6 p.m.
Football Field

Beginners encouraged to participate!

For more information, call Lt. Lou Ruscetta at 606-2326.



Hispanic Heritage



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Dancers from Balle Folklorico Sabor de Mexico, Lompoc exhibit Mexico's folkloric dances during the Hispanic Heritage Banquet Oct. 12 at the Pacific Coast Club. More than 160 people attended the annual event.

Cape’s Delta IV complex readies for first launch

By 2nd Lt. Eric Badger
45th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **PATRICK AFB, Fla.** - The Delta IV space launch vehicle - one of America’s newest generation of rockets called evolved expendable launch vehicles - is now a step closer to its first launch.

Dr. James Roche, the secretary of the Air Force, was among several dignitaries at an Oct. 9 ceremony marking the completion of Space Launch Complex 37, the launch facility for the Delta IV.

According to Boeing officials, the ceremony marked the completion of the final element of the new complex — the launch pad itself. SLC-37 will enable Boeing to prepare a Delta IV launch vehicle in fewer than 30 days from its arrival from the factory, reducing on-pad time to about 10 days, significantly reducing costs. The Delta IV team started development in October 1998 and will culminate with its first launch on May 2002.

Roche saluted the EELV program as a government and industry success story. He said the new

complex enhances America’s access to space and provides increased operational flexibility.

“The EELV program is about teamwork,” said Roche. ”The EELV program’s success is predicated on thinking differently, not only about rocket design, but also the manufacturing, transportation, assembling and launch processes.”

Darleen Druyun, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition and management, echoed Roche’s sentiments about the government, industry partnership. “Together we’ve brought substantial and fundamental change to space launch in record time, she said. “It’s a magnificent accomplishment.”

Roche said his attendance was a signal to terrorists that they won’t disrupt American lives or operations.

“We will continue doing the business of the country and won’t be threatened by any group,” he said.

(Courtesy Air Force Space News)

Large mouth: Base angler hooks big bass at Pine Canyon Lake

By Staff Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Finally, the big one didn’t get away for one Vandenberg fisherman.

Greg Dyslin, 381st Training Group, pulled in a 10-pound 4-ounce large mouth bass during the Vandenberg Bass Club’s Fall Fishing Tournament at Pine Canyon Lakes Sept. 29.

Dyslin, who’s fished for 40 years, didn’t waste much time during the six-hour tournament catching his first place bass.

“I caught my first fish on the first cast of the day,” said the angler. Then about an hour later he hooked the big one.

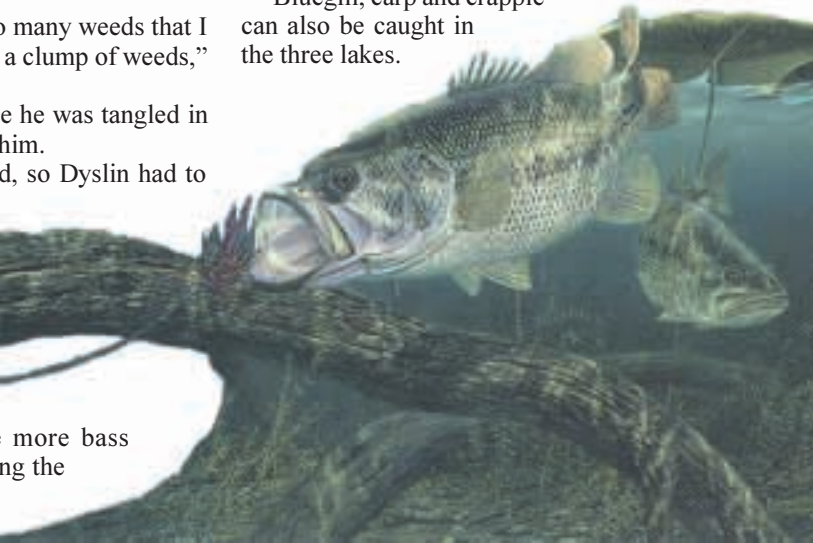
“When I hooked him, he was in so many weeds that I wasn’t sure if he was big or I just had a clump of weeds,” said Dyslin. “So I muscled it.”

When the bass came to the surface he was tangled in the weeds and Dyslin couldn’t reach him.

The boat’s motor was also tangled, so Dyslin had to pull himself toward the fish by grabbing onto the weed stalks. As he pulled, the boat lurched forward and at that moment the prized bass opened his month and Dyslin grabbed the fishes jaw.

“He was mine,” Dyslin proclaimed.

After the fight, he caught three more bass weighing about one pound each during the contest. Before the tournament, the largest fish he had caught on



REQUIREMENT FOR FISHING ON VANDENBERG

- ♦**What’s required** -- California fishing license and VAFB stamp.
 - Purchase at base exchange or local sporting goods stores.
 - License costs \$29.40. VAFB stamp cost \$13.50 for military and \$25.50 for civilians.
 - Licenses are good from Jan. 31 to Dec. 31.
 - ♦**Fishing locations on base** -- Punch Bowl Lake, Pine Canyon Lakes, Mod Three Lake, and Pacific Ocean.
 - ♦**Kinds of fish can people catch in those lakes** -- large month bass, crappie, blue gill and catfish.
- There is no hunting or fishing on Vandenberg while in Force Protection Condition Charlie.*